

Bridge across river Jayamangali at Bychapura

427. Sri B. P. GANGADHAR (Tumkur).—

Will the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state :—

(a) whether Government are aware that the plan and estimate have been prepared long back to construct a bridge across the river 'Jayamangali' at Bychapura in Koratagere Taluk;

(b) whether they are aware of the longstanding agitation for the construction of the said Bridge at Bychapura by the public as well as the legislators;

(c) whether the Government aware of the inconvenience caused to the Public and traffic during rainy season for want of the said bridge;

(d) whether Government intend taking up the construction of the bridge urgently?

A.—Sri VEERENDRA PATIL (Minister for Public Works).—

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

(d) Yes, after approval to the estimate.

Batta paid to under-trial prisoners and prosecution witnesses

432. Sri G. AMARE GOWDA (Sindhanoor).—

Will the Minister for Home and Municipal Administration be pleased to state :—

(a) the batta (daily allowance) paid to under-trial prisoners in different parts of the State;

(b) the batta (daily allowance) paid to prosecution witnesses in different parts of the State;

(c) whether uniformity in payment of batta is likely to be maintained in the State?

A.—Sri R. M. PATIL (Minister for Home and Municipal Administration).—

(a) The under-trial prisoners in judicial custody are paid batta whenever they are required to undertake journeys to appear before the Courts, at the rates shown in the accompanying statement I appended.

(b) As in Statement II appended.

(c) Uniformity has been achieved in respect of payment of batta to prosecution witnesses. As regards payment of batta to the under-trial prisoners, provision for payment of uniform rates will be made in the Common Jail Manual under preparation.